

# Continuum-based theory for QCD



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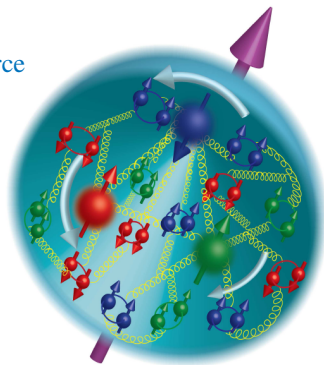


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- Meson and baryon spectroscopy
  - the discovery of exotic or hybrid hadrons would force a dramatic reassessment of the distinction between the notions of matter fields and force fields
- Exploit opportunities provided by new data on nucleon elastic and transition form factors
  - chart infrared evolution of QCD's coupling and dressed-masses
  - reveal correlations that are key to nucleon structure
  - expose the facts or fallacies in modern descriptions of nucleon structure
- Precision experimental study of valence region, together with theoretical computation of distribution functions and distribution amplitudes
  - computation is critical – without computation no amount of data can reveal anything about the theory underlying strong interaction physics



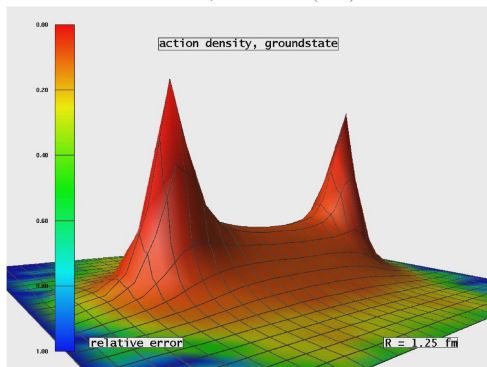
Discover the meaning of  
*confinement* and its relation to  
*dynamical chiral symmetry*  
*breaking*

– origin of visible mass –

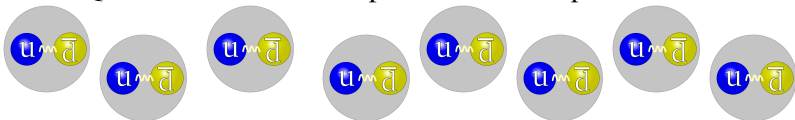
- **Folklore:** “The color field lines between a quark and an anti-quark form flux tubes. A unit area placed midway between the quarks and perpendicular to the line connecting them intercepts a constant number of field lines, independent of the distance between the quarks.

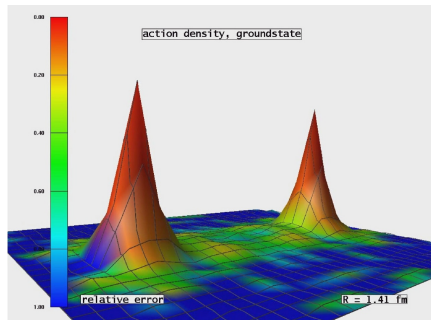
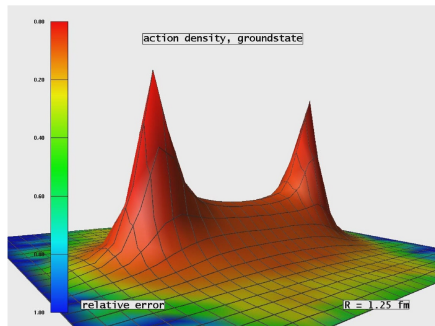
This leads to a constant force between the quarks – and a large force at that, equal to about 16 metric tons.”

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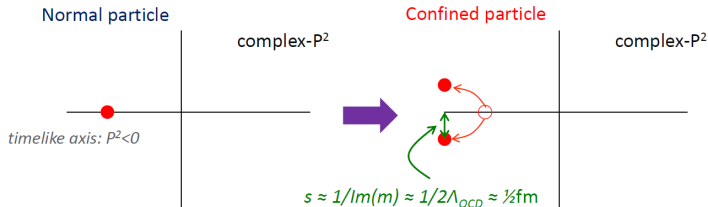


- **Problem:** in QCD 16 tonnes of force produces a lot of pions!





- In the presence of *light quarks* the breaking of the string appears to be an instantaneous de-localized process
- *No flux tube in a theory with light quarks!*
- Paradigm for confinement in hadron physics must be different from the flux tube picture



- *Confinement is expressed through a dramatic change in the analytic structure of propagators for coloured states*
- In the study of hadrons attention should turn from potential models toward the continuum bound-state problem in quantum field theory
- Such approaches offer the possibility of posing simultaneously the questions
  - What is confinement?
  - What is dynamical chiral symmetry breaking?
  - How are they related?
- Is it plausible that these two phenomena – so important in the Standard Model – can have different origins and fates?

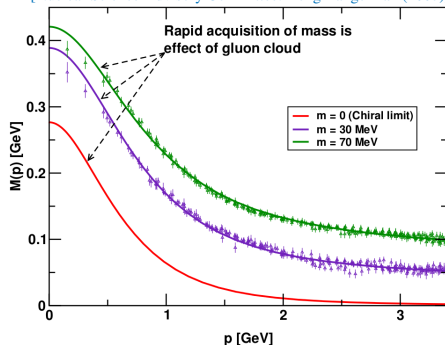
- DCSB is the most important mass generating mechanism for visible matter in the Universe
  - responsible for approximately 98% of the proton's mass
  - Higgs mechanism is (almost) irrelevant for light quarks
- QCD's quark propagator  $\Longleftrightarrow$  QCD's gap equation

$$\text{Quark Propagator} = \text{Free Quark} + \text{Gluon Cloud}$$

$$S(p) = \frac{Z(p^2)}{i\not{p} + M(p^2)}$$

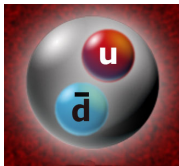
- Continuum- and Lattice-QCD are in agreement: the vast bulk of the light-quark mass comes from a cloud of gluons, dragged along by the quark as it propagates*

[Nuclear Science Advisory Committee: Long Range Plan (2007)]

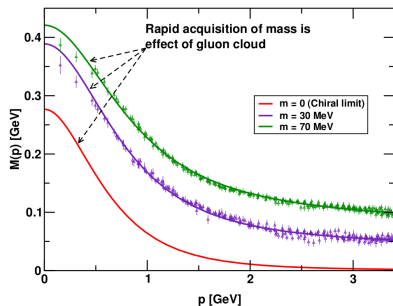
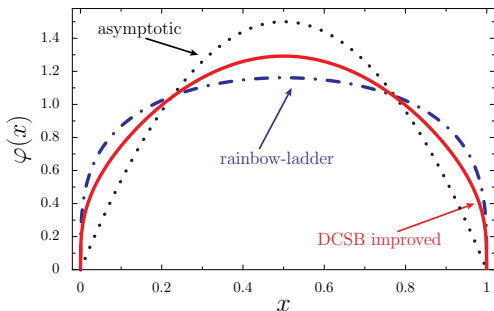


# The Pion

- The pion has a dichotomous nature it is both a bound state of a *dressed-quark* and a *dressed-antiquark* in QFT and the Goldstone mode associated with DCSB in QCD
- In QFT the pion's wave function is given by the Bethe-Salpeter Equation
- A related quantity is the pion's parton distribution amplitude
  - $\varphi_\pi(x, \xi)$ : is a light-front probability amplitude that describes the momentum distribution of a quark and antiquark in the bound-state's valence Fock state
- The pion PDA is an essentially nonperturbative quantity whose asymptotic form is known:  $\varphi_\pi(x, \xi = \infty) = 6x(1-x)$ 
  - such PDAs are crucial because their form sets the normalization of elastic and transition form factors in hard exclusive processes; e.g., pion form factor



$$Q^2 F_\pi(Q^2) \xrightarrow{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} 16 \pi f_\pi^2 \alpha_s(Q^2) \iff \varphi_\pi^{\text{asy}}(x) = 6x(1-x)$$

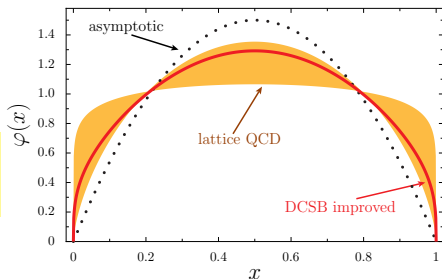


- The pion PDA exhibits a pronounced broadening compared with the asymptotic pion PDA – at any energy scale accessible to modern experiment
  - broadening of the pion's PDA is directly linked to DCSB
- Evidence pointing in this direction has been accumulating for some time:
  - Sum Rules: S. V. Mikhailov and A. V. Radyushkin, JETP Lett. **43**, 712 (1986)
  - Instantons: V. Y. Petrov, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **59**, 114018 (1999)
  - LCSR + lattice: V. M. Braun, M. Gockeler, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **74**, 074501 (2006)
  - AdS/QCD: S. J. Brodsky, F. G. Cao, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **84**, 075012 (2011)

- Contemporary lattice-QCD simulations can only access one nontrivial moment

$$\int_0^1 dx (2x - 1)^2 \varphi_\pi(x) = 0.27 \pm 0.04$$

[V. Braun *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **74**, 074501 (2006)]



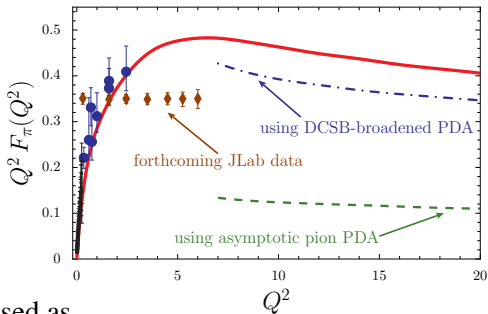
- Continuum QCD and Bayesian analysis demonstrate that maximum information can be obtained from the lattice moment by using a *generalized expansion* ( $\alpha \neq 3/2$ )

$$\varphi_\pi(x, Q^2) = N_\alpha x^{\alpha-1/2} (1-x)^{\alpha-1/2} \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=2,4,\dots} a_n^\alpha(Q^2) C_n^\alpha(2x-1) \right]$$

- This approach reveals complete consistency between continuum- and lattice-QCD computations
  - at real-world energy scales, ground-state PDAs are broad and concave

- Direct, symmetry-preserving computation of pion form factor predicts maximum in  $Q^2 F_\pi(Q^2)$  at  $Q^2 \approx 6 \text{ GeV}^2$
- magnitude of this product is determined by strength of DCSB at all accessible scales
- The QCD prediction can be expressed as

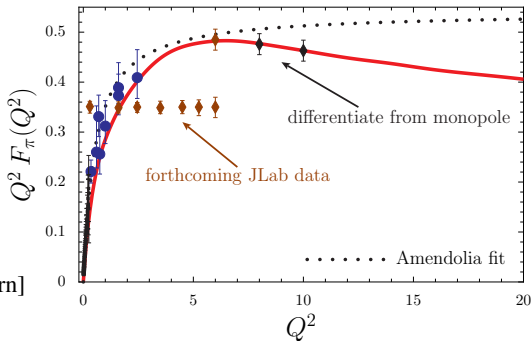
$$Q^2 F_\pi(Q^2) \stackrel{Q^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{\sim} 16 \pi f_\pi^2 \alpha_s(Q^2) w_\pi^2; \quad w_\pi = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{x} \varphi_\pi(x)$$



- Continuum-QCD methods have provided a new picture of the pion form factor; with excellent agreement between direct calculation and the hard scattering formula – when all elements are computed self-consistently
- *Continuum-QCD predicts that QCD power law behaviour – with QCD's scaling law violations – sets in at  $Q^2 \sim 8 \text{ GeV}^2$*

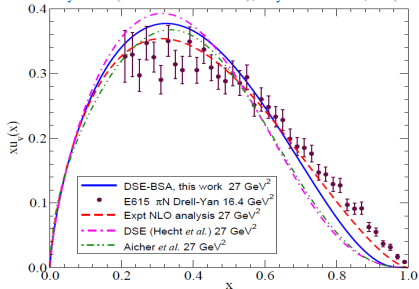
- To observe onset of perturbative power law behaviour – *to differentiate from a monopole* – optimistically need data at  $8 \text{ GeV}^2$  but likely also at  $10 \text{ GeV}^2$

[see talk by Tanja Horn]

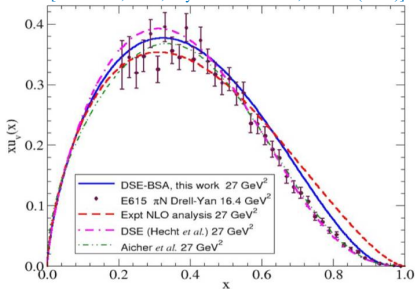


- Scaling predictions are valid for both spacelike and timelike momenta, and timelike data show promise as the means of verifying modern predictions
- By using DCSB-broadened PDAs for pion and kaon, existing data for  $F_K(q^2)/F_\pi(q^2)$  at timelike  $q^2 \approx 17 \text{ GeV}^2$  begin to appear understandable  
[K. K. Seth, S. Dobbs, *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B 730 (2014) 332–335]  
[Chao Shi, Lei Chang, *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B (2014)]
- however, questions remain about the separate normalization of  $F_\pi$  and  $F_K$

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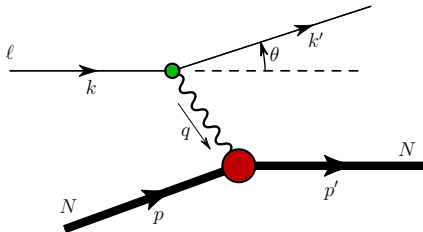


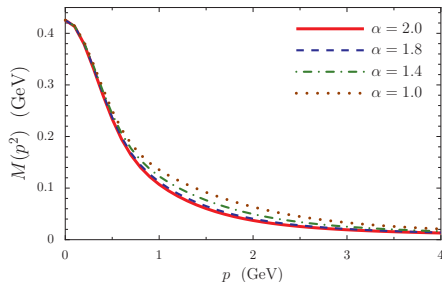
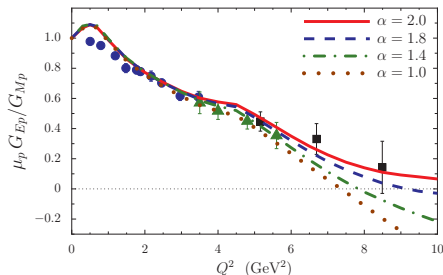
- Need for *QCD-based* calculation is emphasized by story of pion's valence quark distribution function:
  - 1989:  $u_v^\pi \sim (1-x)^1$  – inferred from LO-Drell-Yan & disagrees with QCD
  - 2001: Dyson-Schwinger Equations (DSEs) predicts  $u_v^\pi \sim (1-x)^2$  – argues that distribution inferred from data can't be correct
  - 2010: new NLO reanalysis – including soft-gluon resummation – inferred distribution agrees with DSE-QCD
- *Potentially important ramifications for nucleon PDF studies!*

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# Baryons

- Provide vital information about the structure and composition of the most basic elements of nuclear physics
- elastic scattering – therefore probes confinement at all energy scales
- Today accurate form factor measurements are creating a paradigm shift in our understanding of nucleon structure:
  - proton radius puzzle
  - $\mu_p G_{Ep}/G_{Mp}$  ratio and a possible zero in  $G_{Ep}$
  - flavour decomposition and evidence for diquark correlations
  - meson-cloud effects
  - seeking verification of perturbative QCD scaling predictions and scaling violations in elastic form factors
  - etc

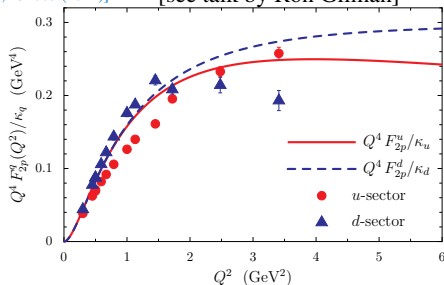
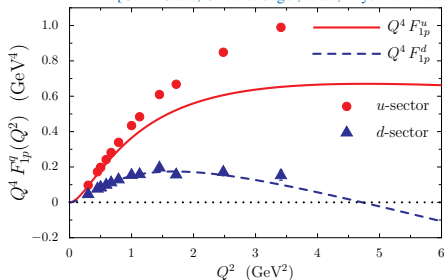




- Polarization transfer measurements of proton  $G_E/G_M$  from Jefferson Lab have drawn an enormous amount of attention
  - dispelled decades of perceived wisdom that distributions of charge and magnetization are the same
- Find that slight changes in  $M(p)$  on the domain  $1 \lesssim p \lesssim 3$  GeV have a striking effect on the  $G_E/G_M$  proton form factor ratio
- Strong indication that position of a zero is very sensitive to underlying dynamics and the nature of the transition from nonperturbative to perturbative QCD

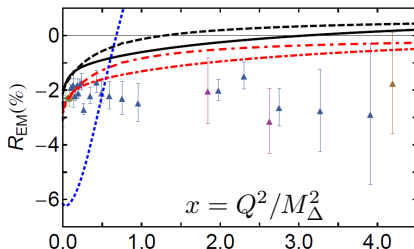
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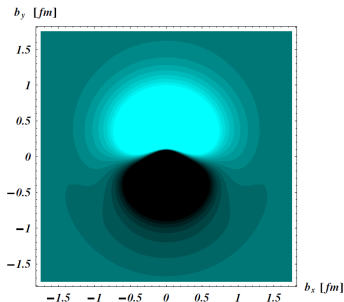
[see talk by Ron Gilman]



- Prima facie, these experimental results are remarkable
  - $u$  and  $d$  quark sector form factors have very different scaling behaviour
- In the context of diquark correlations data straightforward to understand
  - e.g. in the proton the  $d$  quark is much more likely to be in a scalar diquark than the doubly-represented  $u$  quark; diquark  $\Rightarrow 1/Q^2$  suppression
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- Future experiments will test for predicted zero in  $d$ -quark Dirac form factor

- Given the challenges posed by non-perturbative QCD it is insufficient to study hadron ground-states alone [see talks by Gothe, Mokeev]
- Nucleon to resonance transition form factors provide a critical extension to elastic form factors – providing many more windows and different perspectives on quark-gluon dynamics
  - nucleon resonances are more sensitive to long-range effects in QCD than the properties of ground states . . . analogous to exotic and hybrid mesons
  - e.g. for  $N \rightarrow \Delta$  it is found that  $R_{EM} = -\frac{G_E^*}{G_M^*}$  is a particularly sensitive measure of *quark orbital angular momentum correlations* in the nucleon and  $\Delta$
- Internally consistent continuum-QCD studies all predict a zero in  $R_{EM}$ ; an essential precursor to discovering pQCD [ $R_{EM} \rightarrow 1$ ]; it *must* be found in experiment

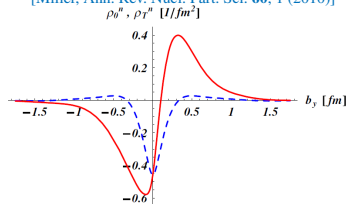




## Quark transverse charge density for a neutron polarized along the $x$ -axis

[Carlson and Vanderhaeghen, Phys. Rev. Lett. **100**, 032004 (2008)]

[Miller, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. **60**, 1 (2010)]



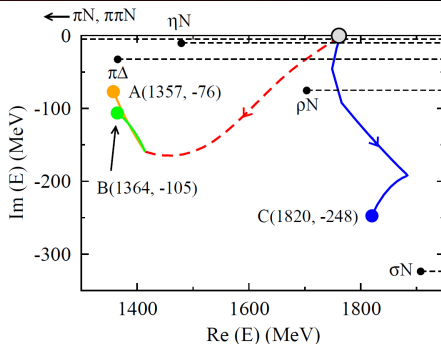
- It is now recognized that care must be taken when interpreting a 3- $D$  Fourier transform of a form factor as a charge or magnetization density
- A rigorous density can be defined via a 2- $D$  Fourier transform
  - these hadronic transverse charge densities are quantities as seen in a reference frame moving with infinite momentum
- Numerous new physical insights for elastic and transition form factors
  - e.g. the negative central neutron charge density, caused by the dominance of  $d$  quarks at the center

[see talk by Michael Doering]

Three poles, each seeded by a single dressed quark core:

Two poles associated with Roper resonance and the third with the next higher  $P_{11}$  resonance

[H. Kamano, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **88**, no. 3, 035209 (2013)]



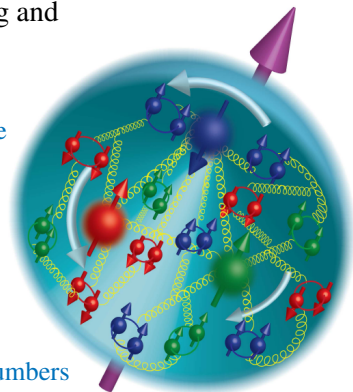
- The Excited Baryon Analysis Center (EBAC), resolved a fifty-year puzzle by demonstrating that the Roper resonance is the proton's first radial excitation
  - its lower-than-expected mass owes to a dressed-quark core shielded by a dense cloud of pions and other mesons
- This Experiment/Theory collaborative effort has now evolved into *JLab Physics Analysis Center (JPAC)* [see Michael Pennington's talk]

[Decadal Report on Nuclear Physics: Exploring the Heart of Matter]

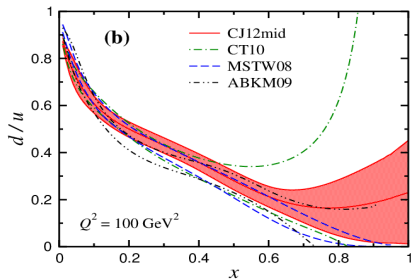
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# Parton Structure

- Understanding hadron structure means charting and computing the distribution of this matter and energy within the hadron
  - mapping correlations and exposing their influence are the hallmark of nuclear physics
- Valence-quark structure of hadrons
  - definitive of a hadron – it's how one tells a proton from a neutron
  - expresses charge; flavour; baryon number; and other Poincaré-invariant macroscopic quantum numbers
- Flavour content and asymmetry of sea-quark distributions
- The former and any non-trivial structure in the latter, are both essentially nonperturbative features of QCD
- Light front provides a link with quantum mechanics
  - if a probability interpretation is ever valid, it's on the light front

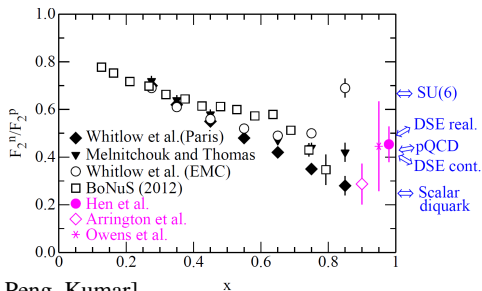


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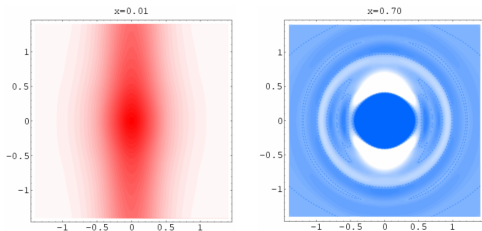


[see talks by Qiu, Peng, Kumar]

[C. D. Roberts, R. J. Holt and S. M. Schmidt, Phys. Lett. B **727**, 249 (2013)]



- Value of PDF ratios at  $x = 1$  are fixed points of the evolution equations
  - hence they are very strong tests of nonperturbative dynamics
- For nucleon  $x \rightarrow 1$  limit provides information on admixture of quark-quark correlations in nucleon wave function
- Existing data cannot discriminate between various scenarios, however a combination of polarized and unpolarized data on  $x \gtrsim 0.8$  can



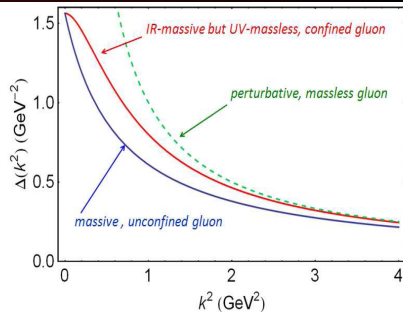
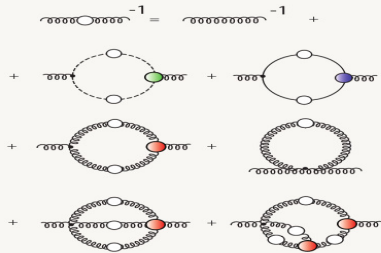
A model parametrization of the  
 $u$ -quark phase space charge  
distribution inside the nucleon

[A. V. Belitsky, X. -d. Ji & F. Yuan, PRD 69, 074014 (2004)]

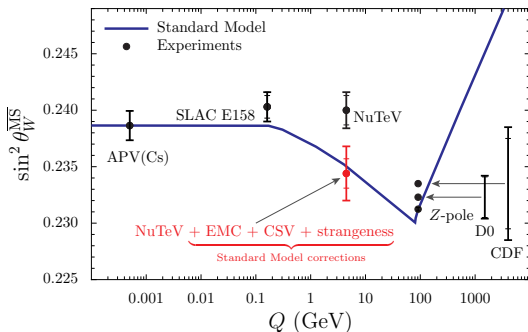
[see talks by Qiu, Metz & Liuti]

- GPDs and TMDs encode an enormous amount of information about hadrons & certain hard processes
  - understanding these distributions is at forefront of hadron theory
- Information will be revealed by a very close collaboration between experiment and theory
  - these functions must be calculated in framework with well-defined connection to QCD
- This is a critical near-term goal for hadron theory – a closer connection with QCD is required and a greater US effort is needed

## Gluon propagator:



- Gluon satisfies its own gap equation & possesses a dynamically generated mass – which provides an infrared cutoff
  - role of gluons with wavelength larger than  $1/m(0)$  is greatly suppressed
- Hadron structure at low Bjorken- $x$  is dominated by gluons
  - features in this regime must reflect infra-red properties of gluon dressing function
  - QCD-connected computations certainly will
- For example, gluon saturation, if observed must be reflected in infra-red properties of QCD's gluon propagator



## Fermilab press conference

“The predicted value was 0.2227. The value we found was 0.2277, a difference of 0.0050. It might not sound like much, but the room full of physicists fell silent when we first revealed the result”

“99.75% probability that the neutrinos are not behaving like other particles . . . only 1 in 400 chance that our measurement is consistent with prediction”

● **NuTeV:**  $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.2277 \pm 0.0013(\text{stat}) \pm 0.0009(\text{syst})$  [Zeller *et al.* PRL. **88**, 091802 (2002)]

● **Standard Model:**  $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.2227 \pm 0.0004 \Leftrightarrow 3\sigma \Rightarrow$  “NuTeV anomaly”

● At the time widely thought as evidence for physics beyond Standard Model

● *However a decade of effort in hadron theory has likely provided a Standard Model explanation* [see talk by Wally Melnitchouk]

● explained by nuclear effects + charge symmetry violation + strangeness

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## ● QCD and Hadron Physics are unique:

- must confront a fundamental theory in which the elementary degrees-of-freedom are confined and only hadrons reach detectors

## ● Continuum-QCD approaches are essential; they are at the forefront of guiding experiment and provide rapid feedback; thereby building intuition & understanding

## ● Hadron theory will guide and stimulate new endeavors – aimed at exposing the content of the Standard Model and to help discover what lies beyond

## ● A vibrant and balanced hadron theory program – interacting effectively with experiment – is crucial if the full potential of the nation's investment in hadron physics is to be realized

## ● *This will ensure future investments have maximum discovery potential!*

